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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bross

SUBJECT : CIRIS Community Statistics Requested by CIA O/PPB

1. The attached compilation of community statistics for FY 1971 is based on data gathered in our last CIRIS exercise. It has been prepared in response to a CIA O/PPB request and in a format that satisfied that requirement. The justification provided us by O/PPB is as follows:


"O/PPB desires community total figures, not individual Agency figures, for specified categories of activities against Soviet and Chinese targets and against the totals for targeted activities. These figures will be used for the basis of comparison with the Agency's comparable expenditures (from our own data base) so that we can evaluate the Agency's level of effort against the community's for Agency planning purposes."

2. I have advised O/PPB that the forwarding of this community information, or its forwarding with certain caveats, is a matter for your decision. On the one hand this is quite highly aggregated and does not directly reveal details of non-CIA intelligence programs. On the other hand, by subtracting CIA's own data under these headings, some Defense intelligence totals are revealed.

3. In the event that you decide to provide this information to CIA O/PPB for their internal planning purposes, you may wish to again caution them that community statistics should not be presented outside the Agency, e.g., in a Congressional forum, by a spokesman coming to that forum to represent the CIA. We have learned that this is quite quickly quoted back from the Hill to Defense and our NIPE/NIRB community credibility is damaged. This matter is always more acute during the period of Congressional briefings that customarily take place early in each new calendar year.

cc: Executive Secretary NIRB

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